

Recently Asked Questions for the 2014-15 Application Period

1. Question: If an applicant is interested in applying for a clean fuel vehicles project AND a refueling infrastructure project, should the applicant submit two separate applications or combine the projects into a single application?

Answer: Because the award limitations are \$200,000 per project, it would be more advantageous for the applicant to fill out separate applications for each project. It would also make the projects clearer for the review committee if they were in separate applications.

2. Question: Under the new annual award limit increase of \$500,000 and the new project award limit increase to \$200,000 for grants, could an applicant potentially request \$500,000 if submitting applications for three projects – for example \$200,000 for one project, \$200,000 for a second project and \$100,000 for a third project?

Answer: Yes, an applicant could potentially receive the maximum \$500,000 if there were three applications submitted for three separate projects and each application was successful.

3. Question: Could an applicant request grant funding for a public-private partnership to facilitate the installation of EV charging infrastructure?

Answer: Yes, a public-private partnership for the purchase of an EV charging station would be an eligible request. Keep in mind, the grant would only fund the purchase of the equipment, not the cost of installation.

4. Question: Are costs for the copper, breakers, conduits and cables associated with a clean fuel refueling station considered equipment costs that grants funds could be used for or is the clean fuel refueling station itself the ONLY allowable equipment cost for the grant?

Answer: Eligible refueling equipment is defined in statute as, "compressors when used separately, compressors used in combination with cascade tanks, and other equipment that constitute a central refueling system capable of dispensing vehicle fuel."

5. Question: What is the source of the Clean Fuel and Vehicle Technology Grant and Loan Program? (i.e., are they federal dollars passed through the state or state dollars or private dollars?)

Answer: The funds came from a petroleum violation escrow that was passed to the State. State legislators have appropriated the funds to be used for this program.

6. Question: The application submittal date stated in section IX of the Guidance Document is different from the submittal date stated in section X.

Answer: The date, January 9, 2015, in Section IX of the Guidance Document is incorrect. The due date for the application is October 3, 2014, as stated on the website.

7. Question: Are there any State or Federal Prevailing Wages required for construction projects?

Answer: The funding is appropriated by the Utah Legislature, so there are no federal requirements tied to the funding and the State does not have any Prevailing Wages requirements for this fund.

8. Question: How would I interpret, "grants to cover 50% of the incremental cost of a clean fuel OEM vehicle?" Is the incremental cost the full price to add a clean fueled bus to our fleet or just the 15K extra for a clean fuel bus vs a diesel powered bus.

Answer: The grant would cover 50% of the incremental cost, the difference between a "clean fuel" bus versus a regular diesel or gasoline-powered bus.

9. Question: Are there restrictions for out of state HQ entities to apply?

Answer: No, there are no restrictions for businesses headquartered out of state as long as the projects are registered or based in Utah.

10. Question: Is there a geographic restriction, does the vehicle need to travel in Utah for a certain amount of time and/or areas?

Answer: The amount of time the vehicle spends in Utah, specifically within certain areas of Utah in which the environmental benefit is the greatest, will be weighted in the scoring; although there are no specific restrictions.

11. Question: Do the vehicles have to be registered and domiciled in Utah?

Answer: Yes, in order for a successful applicant to receive funds, a current Utah vehicle registration is required.

12. Question: How long is the project period and how long does the entity have to own the units?

Answer: The project period is two years. There are no requirements for the length of time the entity must own the units.

13. Question: Is the creditworthiness section applicable to loan submittals or is it for grant requests as well?

Answer: The "Creditworthiness" section is applicable for both loan and grant applications.

14. Question: Is lawn equipment eligible?

Answer: Eligible equipment must meet the definition of a "private sector business vehicle" as defined in Utah Code. The definition reads, "A motor vehicle registered in Utah that is owned and operated solely in the conduct of a private business enterprise."

15. Question: Is the Clean Fuels Grant open for individuals to apply?

Answer: Private sector business or government vehicles are eligible projects.